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March 25, 2025

VIA ECF

The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain
Chief United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

Re: *United States v. Kwame Anderson*, 13 Cr. 414 (LTS)

Dear Chief Judge Swain:

Attached hereto is a proposed protective order for the above-captioned case, which has been executed by the parties. The Government respectfully requests that the Court enter the proposed protective order.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW PODOLSKY
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By: 

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cc: Lance Clarke, Esq. (by ECF)

The foregoing request is granted. This resolves docket entry no. 905.

Dated: March 25, 2025
/s/ Laura Taylor Swain, Chief U.S.D.J.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America

v.

Kwame Anderson,

Defendant.

Protective Order

13 Cr. 414 (LTS)

Upon the application of the United States of America, with the consent of the undersigned counsel, and the defendant having requested discovery under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16 and 32.1, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

Categories

1. **Disclosure Material.** The Government has made and will make disclosure to the defendant of documents, objects and information, including electronically stored information (“ESI”), pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 16 and 32.1, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, and the Government’s general obligation to produce exculpatory and impeachment material in criminal cases, all of which will be referred to herein as “Disclosure Material.” The Government’s Disclosure Material may include material that (i) affects the privacy and confidentiality of individuals; (ii) would risk prejudicial pretrial publicity if publicly disseminated; (iii) may be produced with more limited redactions than would otherwise be necessary; and (iv) that is not authorized to be disclosed to the public or disclosed beyond that which is necessary for the defense of this criminal case.

2. **Sealed Material.** Certain of the Government’s Disclosure Material, referred to herein as “Sealed Material,” contains information that identifies, or could lead to the identification of, witnesses who may be subject to intimidation or obstruction, and whose lives, persons, and

property, as well as the lives, persons and property of loved ones, will be subject to risk of harm absent the protective considerations set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Disclosure and Treatment

3. Disclosure Material shall not be disclosed by the defendant or defense counsel, including any successor counsel (“the defense”) other than as set forth herein, and shall be used by the defense solely for purposes of defending this action. The defense shall not post any Disclosure Material on any Internet site or network site, including any social media site such as Facebook or Twitter, to which persons other than the parties hereto have access, and shall not disclose any Disclosure Material to the media.

4. Sealed Material pertinent to any motion before the Court should initially be filed under seal, absent consent of the Government or Order of the Court, and may be disclosed by defense counsel to:

- a. The defendant;
- b. Personnel for whose conduct defense counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action; and
- c. Prospective witnesses for purposes of defending this action.

Other Provisions

5. This Order does not prevent the disclosure of any Disclosure Material in any hearing or trial held in this action, or to any judge or magistrate judge, for purposes of this action. All filings should comply with the privacy protection provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1 and the above provisions.

6. The Government's designation of material will be controlling absent contrary order of the Court. The parties shall meet and confer regarding any dispute over such designations, after which the defense may seek de-designation by the Court. The Government may authorize, in writing, disclosure of Disclosure Material beyond that otherwise permitted by this Order without further Order of this Court.

7. The defense shall provide a copy of this Order to prospective witnesses and persons retained by counsel to whom the defense has disclosed Disclosure Material. All such persons shall be subject to the terms of this Order. Defense counsel shall maintain a record of what information has been disclosed to which such persons.

8. Except for Disclosure Material that has been made part of the record of this case, the defense shall return to the Government or securely destroy or delete all Disclosure Material, including any ESI, within 30 days of the expiration of the period for direct appeal from any verdict in the above-captioned case; the period of direct appeal from any order dismissing any of the charges in the above-captioned case; and the granting of any motion made on behalf of the Government dismissing any charges in the above-captioned case, whichever date is later, subject to defense counsel's obligation to retain client files under the Rules of Professional Conduct. If Disclosure Material is provided to any personnel for whose conduct defense counsel is responsible or prospective witnesses, defense counsel shall make reasonable efforts to seek the return or destruction of such materials.

9. This Order places no restriction on a defendant's use or disclosure of ESI or other Disclosure Material that originally belonged to the defendant.

Retention of Jurisdiction

10. The provisions of this order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this criminal prosecution and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order following termination of the case.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

MATTHEW PODOLSKY
Acting United States Attorney

by: 

Timothy V. Capozzi / James Mandilk
Assistant United States Attorneys

Date: _____

Lance Clarke
Counsel for Kwame Anderson

Date: _____

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
March 25, 2025

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain

THE HONORABLE LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE